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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 14, 2005, in the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.